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SUBJECT: FISHERIES JOINT VENTURE DISCUSSIONS

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(B) BRASILIA 6611  
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(D) BRASILIA 6665

1. RE DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE WITH PROPOSED DATES  
AND CONDITIONS TRANSMITTED REF C, DEPARTMENT WISHES  
TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS FISHERIES  
WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF JOINT VENTURES DOES NOT IMPLY  
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ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS CONTAINED IN BRAZILIAN DRAFT  
PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED TO USG. INDEED, THE USG AND THE  
SHRIMP INDUSTRY CONTINUE TO HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS  
ABOUT SEVERAL ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT. OUR PUR-  
POSE IN REOPENING DISCUSSIONS WITH BRAZIL IS TO COVER  
THE AREAS IN WHICH WE ARE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT,  
AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR COMPROMISE IN THOSE IN

WHICH WE ARE NOT. IT WOULD BE MISLEADING TO COHVEY TO BRAZILIANS IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED ALL TERMS BEFORE DISCUSSIONS EVEN TAKE PLACE, ALTHOUGH USG IS FULLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS FUTURE BRAZIL/US FISHERY RELATIONSHIP IN JOINT VENTURE TERMS.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN A FISHERIES DIALOG WITH BRAZIL, WITHOUT DEFINITELY CLOSING THE DOOR BEHIND US IF THAT CAN BE PREVENTED. THE LARGE SHRIMP RESOURCE OF THE AMAZON BASIN WILL NOT BE FULLY EXPLOITED BY BRAZILIAN NATIONAL FIRMS FOR SOME YEARS, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS NOT, REPRESENTS A LOSS OF THE RESOURCE TO BRAZIL. SHOULD BRAZIL INDICATE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR U.S. FIRMS TO RETURN TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS FISHERY ON MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS IN 1979, 1980 OR EVEN 1981. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED THAT JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY DO NOT APPEAR TO BE PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL OR SATISFACTORY TO EITHER SIDE. MEANWHILE THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS (WITHOUT EMPIRICAL SCIENTIFIC PROOF) THAT BRAZILIAN SHRIMP, UNMOLESTED BY THE RELATIVELY EFFICIENT FLEETS OF PAST YEARS, MOVE NORTHWEST ALONG THE COAST AND FINISH THEIR DAYS IN OTHER FISHERY ZONES. SHRIMPING OPERATIONS IN FRENCH GUIANA AND GUYANA HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DURING 1978, TO THE EXTENT THAT U.S. INDUSTRY IS RELATIVELY UNCONCERNED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOSS OF BRAZILIAN PRODUCTION AT THIS POINT. THIS SITUATION COULD, OF COURSE, CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE ITAMARATY OFFICIALS USG VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS AS NOT REPRESENTING AN A PRIORI ACCEPTANCE OF ENTIRE BRAZILIAN DRAFT AGREEMENT, BUT EMPHASIZING OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONDUCT TALKS WITHIN JOINT VENTURE FRAMEWORK. CHRISTOPHER

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